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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 18-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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Continuation of Attachment(s) 3). Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08), Paper No(s)/Mail Date :9/6/05;7/8/04;8/19/05;2/13/06;8/14/06;9/13/06.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-9 and 18-26, drawn to a syringe, classified in class 604, subclass 187.
- II. Claims 10-14, drawn to a method of making a syringe, classified in class 264, subclass 512.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions II and I are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make another and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process such as machining.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the

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inventions have acquired a separate status in the art due to their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

During a telephone conversation with Kevin Rooney on 6/26/07 a provisional election was made to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-9 and 18-26. It is requested that applicant state in their reply to this action whether this election was made with or without traverse. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 10-17 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 18-21 recite "surface features" which according to the specification are the grooves already recited in claim 1. Therefore, one cannot determine if these "surface features" are referring back to these same grooves or additional structures.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6,8,18-21 and 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brown (USPN 2,591,046). Brown discloses a syringe with an inside surface of a barrel that has axially extending grooves (25 and 30, respectively). The surface roughness is on the order of millimeters and greater than 5.1 microns. Regarding claims 18-21 it is assumed that the limitation of surface features is the same as the grooves.

Claims 1-6,8,18-21 and 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bachynsky (USPN 5,971,953). Bachynsky discloses a syringe with an inside surface of a barrel that has axially extending grooves (25 and 30, respectively). The surface roughness is on the order of millimeters and greater than 5.1 microns. Regarding claims 18-21 it is assumed that the limitation of surface features is the same as the grooves. Regarding claim 26, the wall between the axially aligned grooves has an indentation (31) texture that increases the contact area.

Claims 1-6,8,18-21 and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Grabenkort (USPN 5,779,668). Grabenkort discloses a syringe with an inside surface of a barrel that has axially extending grooves (22). The surface roughness is on the order of millimeters and greater than 5.1 microns. Regarding claims 18-21 it is assumed that the limitation of surface features is the same as the grooves. Regarding claim 22, the syringe contains a frozen fluid.

Claims 1-8,18-21 and 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Reinhard et al (USPN 5,788,670). Reinhard discloses a syringe with an inside surface of a barrel that has axially extending grooves (5). The surface roughness is on the order of millimeters and greater than 5.1 microns. Regarding claims 18-21 it is assumed that the limitation of surface features is the same as the grooves. Regarding claim 7, the syringe is made from polypropylene.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown, Bachynsky, Grabenkort or Reinhard in view of Carrell et al (USPN 4,846,796). Brown, Bachynsky Grabenkort and Reinhard each individually meet the claim limitations as described above but each one fails to include a pressure sleeve.

However, Carrell discloses such a sleeve for increasing the safety of the device to the patient.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to incorporate the sleeve of Carrell into the invention of Brown, Bachynsky, Grabenkort or Reinhard. The motivation for the incorporation would have been done in order to increase the safety of the device to the patient as taught by Carrell.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Catherine S. Williams whose telephone number is 571/2724970. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas D. Lucchesi can be reached on 571/2724977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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